

In re Applicant:

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METHOD FOR CONTACTING SOLIDS CONTAINING FEEDS FOR CHEMICAL §

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2001, Applicant files the following Amendment and Response. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Dear Sir:

Please amend Claim 46 as follows:

(Amended) A method of fluid distribution in a chemical reactor comprising the steps 46.

of:

- providing a layer of ceramic filter units, at least some of the ceramic filter units (a) having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, and at least some of the openings having a shape selected from the group consisting of ellipses and trisoids, at least some of the ceramic filter units having a plurality of flow passageways defined by the plurality of openings extending through the ceramic filter units;
- contacting an organic-based feed stream with the layer of ceramic filter units; and (b)

